Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Protecting the health of Americans includes providing every citizen with access to safe and effective healthcare; and,

Whereas, Infection prevention and control professionals are devoted to patient and health care worker safety, and are committed to reducing the risk and occurrence of healthcare-associated infections; and,

Whereas, The prevention of healthcare-associated infections is instrumental in achieving this goal; and,

Whereas, Every year, South Dakotans make more than two million visits to their physicians and over 100,000 are admitted to hospitals, with many undergoing medical procedures that have a risk of infectious complications; and,

Whereas, Healthcare-associated infections increase morbidity and mortality and add a significant financial burden to the cost of healthcare; and,

Whereas, The Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology (APIC), representing more than 11,000 infection prevention and control professionals, sponsors International Infection Prevention Week with their theme being, "Infection Prevention--it's in your hands":

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 14-20, 2007, as

INFECTION PREVENTION WEEK

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twentieth Day of September in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seven.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State